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Sir:

On March 6, 2002, the above-identified application was filed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office. To date, no Office Action has been received.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be provided with the current status of the subject application as soon as possible.

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